

18 March 1949.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Subject: Proposed CIA Legislation.

1. On 15 March 1949 the undersigned mentioned the proposed CIA legislation to Mr. Wiggins of I & N. He suggested that we see Mr. Winings, General Counsel for I & N. I explained to Mr. Winings that we had heard that they had been called, informally, by the Senate Committee to furnish their views on the CIA Bill.

2. Mr. Winings stated that he had been asked for views on the Bill in an informal manner and his response was given with the understanding that it was "off the record". Mr. Winings stated the Committee was concerned about the deportation of aliens once they had been admitted under the provisions of the Bill. He pointed out that as he read the Bill the waiver pertained only to admissibility and that the alien once admitted could be deported under any provisions of law applying to deportation other than causes arising prior to, and simultaneously with, admission.

3. Mr. Winings stated further that he was preparing a more detailed memorandum on the subject for the Commissioner. He mentioned that there would be considered in such a memorandum the details which must of necessity be worked out between I & N and CIA. Such mechanics would include recording of entry, alien registration, etc. I assured him that CIA had every reason to know from experience that such details must be worked out in advance and the identity of the individual made known to I & N at the time of entry. I stated further that in view of our past experience with I & N on confidential matters we felt certain these mechanics could be ironed out in a satisfactory and secure manner.

4. Mr. Winings asked if there had been considered the possibility of an alien who, having been admitted under provisions of the Bill, refused to live up to his commitments to CIA. In this case he felt that there should be added a proviso to the effect that an alien could be deported if he did not fulfill the purpose for which he was admitted under the provisions of the Bill. I told him in general terms that this had been considered and it was felt that there was a calculated risk involved which must be taken. Also, there was the practical consideration of the fact that the House had passed the Bill and any further amendment would force reconsideration in the House. I suggested to Mr. Winings that if agreeable he suggest to the Commissioner when his memorandum was forwarded that if the Commissioner wished to make a specific recommendation to the Attorney General in connection with such